

## **Sondra Gordon**

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**From:** Ellen Heinitz  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 18, 2018 10:38 AM  
**To:** Sondra Gordon  
**Subject:** FW: MDEQ bill

**From:** vicabla@gmail.com [mailto:vicabla@gmail.com] **On Behalf Of** Vic Abla  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 18, 2018 10:23 AM  
**To:** Ellen Heinitz <Eheinitz@house.mi.gov>  
**Subject:** MDEQ bill

I am a resident in one of Michigan's most polluted zip codes. SW Detroit children have 3 times the state's asthma rate and many other health conditions due to our current air pollution. Please do not give industry more control through a hand-picked committee that could override public protections for our health, air, water, and land. We are already suffering the effects of heavily concentrated industry. We should focus on improving sustainable choices of Michigan industries that would be good for the state and our residents' health, and not undercut the public process of the MDEQ to protect our health. As an example, I have developed a case of asthma SINCE I've moved into SW Detroit. How you can cater yet again to interests of big businesses at the expense of Michigan residents is appalling.

Vic Abla

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**From:** Ellen Heinitz  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 18, 2018 10:38 AM  
**To:** Sondra Gordon  
**Subject:** FW: SW HEALTH AT RISK [SB 652-654]

**From:** Tessa Sodini [mailto:tessa.sodini@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 18, 2018 10:21 AM  
**To:** Ellen Heinitz <Eheinitz@house.mi.gov>  
**Subject:** SW HEALTH AT RISK [SB 652-654]

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Tessa Sodini-Marshall

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**From:** Ellen Heinitz  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 18, 2018 10:38 AM  
**To:** Sondra Gordon  
**Subject:** FW: Protect Our Air Quality

**From:** Tera Warn [mailto:terawarn@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 18, 2018 10:17 AM  
**To:** Ellen Heinitz <Eheinitz@house.mi.gov>  
**Subject:** Protect Our Air Quality

Good morning,

I am a resident in one of Michigan's most polluted zip codes. Southwest Detroit children have 3 times the state's asthma rate and many other health conditions due to our current air pollution. Please do not give industry more control through a hand-picked committee that could override public protections for our health, air, water, and land. We are already suffering the effects of heavily concentrated industry. We should focus on improving sustainable choices of Michigan industries that would be good for the state and our residents' health, and not undercut the public process of the MDEQ to protect our health.

Thank you,

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Family Advocate  
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**From:** Ellen Heinitz  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 18, 2018 10:39 AM  
**To:** Sondra Gordon  
**Subject:** FW: Southwest Detroit Resident Homeowners Oppose SB 652-654

**From:** Deb Sumner [mailto:debswd@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 18, 2018 10:26 AM  
**To:** Ellen Heinitz <Eheinitz@house.mi.gov>  
**Subject:** Southwest Detroit Resident Homeowners Oppose SB 652-654

Dear State Rep. Stephanie Chang & All State Legislators,

We are resident homeowners in Southwest Detroit, one of Michigan's most polluted zip codes in the entire state & Southwest Detroit residents' air quality must be improved! **All polluting industries must be required to reduce their pollinate emissions!**

**We oppose SB 652-654 because it would undercut the public process of the MDEQ to improve & protect our health!**

Children living in Southwest Detroit have 3 times the state's asthma rate and many other health conditions due to our current air pollution.

Please do not give industry more control through a hand-picked committee that could override public protections for our health, air, water, and land. We are already suffering the effects of heavily concentrated industry. We should focus on improving sustainable choices of Michigan industries that would be good for the state and our residents' health, and not undercut the public process of the MDEQ to protect our health!

Sincerely,

Deb & Steve Sumner  
Southwest Detroit Resident Homeowners

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**From:** Ellen Heinitz  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 18, 2018 10:49 AM  
**To:** Sondra Gordon  
**Subject:** FW: Today's hearing on environmental bills

**From:** Alyssa Taylor Wendt [mailto:[alyssataylorwendt@gmail.com](mailto:alyssataylorwendt@gmail.com)]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 18, 2018 10:42 AM  
**To:** Ellen Heinitz <[Eheinitz@house.mi.gov](mailto:Eheinitz@house.mi.gov)>  
**Subject:** Today's hearing on environmental bills

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PLEASE PROTECT OUR CITIZENS!!

Thank you, Alyssa Taylor Wendt

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**From:** Ellen Heinitz  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 18, 2018 10:49 AM  
**To:** Sondra Gordon  
**Subject:** FW: Comment on SB 652-654

**From:** Kay-Anne Reed [mailto:kayanne.reed@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 18, 2018 10:45 AM  
**To:** Ellen Heinitz <Eheinitz@house.mi.gov>  
**Subject:** Comment on SB 652-654

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Best,  
Catherine Reed  
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Detroit, MI

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**From:** Ellen Heinitz  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 18, 2018 11:57 AM  
**To:** Sondra Gordon  
**Subject:** FW: SB 652-654

**From:** Alexander Capp [mailto:alexbcapp@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 18, 2018 11:34 AM  
**To:** Ellen Heinitz <Eheinitz@house.mi.gov>  
**Cc:** Larisa Zade <lmzade@gmail.com>  
**Subject:** SB 652-654

Hello,

As a resident of Southwest Detroit, home to Michigan's most polluted zip codes, I have to take time out of my workday to fight for our air quality safety far too often.

Southwest Detroit has the highest rates of asthma and pollution related health conditions of any other zip codes in the state, yet the "Michigan Department of Environmental Quality" does nothing to protect us, we have to fight for our selves.

As if being at the mercy of MDEQ wasn't enough, I now have to beg our legislators to not force through policy that gives industry control of decision making through hand-picked committees that override public protections for our health, air, water, and land. We are already suffering the effects of heavily concentrated industry. We should focus on improving sustainable choices of Michigan industries that would be good for the state and our residents' health, and not undercut the public process of the MDEQ to protect our health, which has already been skewed by Gov. Snyder's admin. MDEQ's mission is to protect the environment and people NOT promote business and make ways for industry to bend the rules when it comes to pollution.

VOTE NO ON SB 652-654

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**From:** Ellen Heinitz  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 18, 2018 11:57 AM  
**To:** Sondra Gordon  
**Subject:** FW: SB 652, 653, & 654

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**From:** Theresa Landrum [mailto:t\_landrum05@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 18, 2018 11:14 AM  
**To:** Ellen Heinitz <Eheinitz@house.mi.gov>  
**Subject:** SB 652, 653, & 654

Greetings Representative Chang, Theresa Landrum here. Below is my statement. Please present on my behalf.

Dear Governor,

As a member of the 2017/2018 Environmental Justice Working Group (EJWG) convened by Gov. Rick Snyder, I implore you Governor, state senators, and state legislators to **not allow** SB 652, 653 and 654 to pass. Let us not forget what "of the people, by the people and for the people" really means -- It means that our "Democracy" is organized by the people and is operated by the people for the purpose of serving the people. The EJWG consisted of industry/business, academia, state employees and community representatives. As members of the EJWG we were charged with examining policy issues and development of guidance, training, and curriculum for state and local agencies to improve environmental justice awareness and engagement in Michigan. This "Charge" was warranted after the "Flint Crisis" for the protection of the people of Michigan.

We EJWG members met for nearly a year and under this charge we created thirty-three recommendations submitted to the governor (if implemented) that would greatly improve conditions and provide protections in environmental impacted communities across Michigan. Not only that, but these recommendations will also improve our Michigan Department of Environmental Quality's (MDEQ) relationship in such communities which for many years has been basically non-existent.

For so long, powerful industries and corporations have pushed aside the "will and health" of the people as they expand their footprints into minority, low-income and poor communities. These recommendations give us the opportunity to help move toward correcting EJ injustices that have been happening for years. Do not let SB 652, 653, and 654 wipe out all the work that has been orchestrated by Governor Snyder in his effort to "fix" what happened in Flint and is greatly needed for EJ improvement.

Living in an environmentally impacted community all my life (Southwest Detroit 48217) deemed as one of the most polluted zip codes in Michigan and the nation -- where industry is having a serious impact on our health and quality of life and being a cancer survivor I see the high rates of cancer, asthma among our children, COPD, heart disease etc. that plague my and surrounding communities.

SB 652, 653 and 654 would wipe-out the MDEQ's power -- which is EJ communities' only "Arm of Protection" from industry. We need a "Check and Balance" system that would provide the highest degree of protection of people co-existing with industry and the MDEQ is the right agency.

We cannot have a committee stacked with industry people to self-regulate, create policy and self-permitting to governor over industry decisions. That would be allowing (as previously stated) "the fox to watch the hen house." Please do not allow these bills to pass.

Respectfully,

Theresa Landrum



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**From:** Ellen Heinitz  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 18, 2018 11:57 AM  
**To:** Sondra Gordon  
**Subject:** FW: MDEQ

**From:** Kelly Guyman [mailto:kelly.guyman@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 18, 2018 11:40 AM  
**To:** Ellen Heinitz <Eheinitz@house.mi.gov>  
**Subject:** MDEQ

I am a resident in one of Michigan's most polluted zip codes. My primary mode of transportation is biking, I run in Clark Park with my dog, I garden in the summer. I love my neighborhood but when am active outside I know in the back of my mind that I breathe the most polluted zip code's air. It is not a choice of mine but it can be a choice of yours. Please do not give industry more control through a hand-picked committee that could override public protections for our health, air, water, and land. We are already suffering the effects of heavily concentrated industry. We should focus on improving sustainable choices of Michigan industries that would be good for the state and our residents' quality of life, and not undercut the public process of the MDEQ to protect our health.

Reduce emissions now!

Thank you,

Kelly Guyman

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**From:** Ellen Heinitz  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 18, 2018 11:58 AM  
**To:** Sondra Gordon  
**Subject:** FW: SB 652-654

**From:** Larisa Zade [mailto:lmzade@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 18, 2018 11:41 AM  
**To:** Ellen Heinitz <Eheinitz@house.mi.gov>  
**Subject:** SB 652-654

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VOTE NO ON SB 652-654

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Larisa Zade

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**From:** Ellen Heinitz  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 18, 2018 11:58 AM  
**To:** Sondra Gordon  
**Subject:** FW: House Competitiveness Committee, which will be hearing the SB 652-654 will be at 2:30pm

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**From:** Jinny Zeigler [mailto:jinzig28@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 18, 2018 11:51 AM  
**To:** Ellen Heinitz <Eheinitz@house.mi.gov>  
**Subject:** House Competitiveness Committee, which will be hearing the SB 652-654 will be at 2:30pm

Dear Representative Chang and Michigan State Legislature, esp. this House Competitiveness Committee

It is beyond belief that the already minimal too little/too late legislated protections at the State level are being compromised and jeopardized.

The foremost job of government is the protection of its citizens!

It is no longer possible to function as a sitting representative or senator on any level of government, local, state or federal, and NOT be aware that Southwest Detroit citizens have suffered long enough breathing the worst toxic-laden air in the State from being so densely populated right next to industry and interstate freeways.

"The Bill would give polluting industry more power to override environmental permit decisions by the MDEQ." If this sentence is true, its creators and supporters are equivalent to criminals for disregarding the millions of people whose lives are cut short by a myriad of respiratory, cardiac diseases and cancers, and whose children are sick and cannot breathe due to decreased lung size and asthma with all of its complications.

When will there be any sense of justice in these industries and trucking companies where billions of dollars are being made, to develop ways and means to remedy the harm that has already been done, to stop the harm from continuing, and why isn't our government standing and pushing them back with legislation and mitigation all of this!

It is lost past time to act in ways to heal our air quality and restore the health and well-being of Southwest Detroit citizens as much as humanly possible..

This proposed bill should never be allowed to see the light of day!

Citizens should NEVER be put in this position of having to BEG to be protected, seen and heard! We are being treated as if we aren't even here and don't even exist!

Sincerely,

Virginia Zeigler  
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Detroit, MI 48216

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**From:** Ellen Heinitz  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 18, 2018 1:14 PM  
**To:** Sondra Gordon  
**Subject:** FW: SW HEALTH AT RISK - Another concerned resident

**From:** Betsy Cooper [mailto:nbcooper@umich.edu]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 18, 2018 12:29 PM  
**To:** Ellen Heinitz <Eheinitz@house.mi.gov>  
**Subject:** SW HEALTH AT RISK - Another concerned resident

Good Afternoon,

I am a resident in one of Michigan's most polluted zip codes - 48209. Southwest Detroit children have 3 times the state's asthma rate and many other health conditions due to our current air pollution. Please DO NOT give the industries that are causing these issues more control over the health of our children through a committee that could override public protections for our health, air, water, and land.

We are already suffering the effects of heavily concentrated industry. We should focus on improving sustainable choices of Michigan industries that would be good for the state and our residents' health, and not undercut the public process of the MDEQ to protect our health. More trees, more regulation, no more pollution.

Thank you,

Betsy Cooper  
1530 Hubbard St.

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**From:** Ellen Heinitz  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 18, 2018 1:15 PM  
**To:** Sondra Gordon  
**Subject:** FW: Oppose SB 652-654

**From:** Kendal Kuneman [mailto:kkuneman@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 18, 2018 12:32 PM  
**To:** Ellen Heinitz <Eheinitz@house.mi.gov>  
**Subject:** Oppose SB 652-654

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Thank you,

Kendal Kuneman  
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